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Device and method withdrawing cellulose pulp from a container

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement mailed August 18, 2008, applicant elects, with traverse, Group II, claims 5-7, drawn to a method for removing pulp from a tower.

REMARKS

PCT Rule 13.2 provides "Where a group of inventions is claimed in one and the same international application, the requirement of unity of invention referred to in Rule 13.1 shall be fulfilled only when there is a technical relationship among those inventions involving one or more of the same or corresponding special technical features. The expression "special technical features" shall mean those technical features that define a contribution which each of the claimed inventions, considered as a whole, makes over the prior art."

Claims 1-7 include the same or corresponding special technical features that define a contribution over the prior art, namely, among others, that the pipe inserted into the storage tank has at one end an obliquely cut opening defined therein that faces upwardly in the storage tower, edges of the obliquely cut opening of the pipe surrounding the center of the storage tower, the obliquely cut opening of the pipe coinciding in one part with the center of the storage tower. These important technical features are not disclosed in US Coleman